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1. A novelty cookie product comprising a base cake having a three-dimensional image thereon and a layer of confection covering at least a portion of the image, thereby forming a latent image that can be revealed by removing at least a portion of the confection.

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4. A cookie product according to claim 1 wherein the image on the base cake is formed by rotary molding to have a pattern of lands and recesses such that the confection, when partially removed at least partially fills in the recesses while it is removed from a portion of the image to make the image visible to a consumer.

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8. A method of making a novelty cookie product comprising baking a base cake having a three-dimensional image thereon and applying thereto, over the image, a layer of confection to cover at least a portion of the image, thereby forming a latent image that can be revealed by removing at least a portion of the confection.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-13, all of the claims in this application, are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. By this amendment, independent claims 1, 4 and 8 have been amended to clarify the distinction between the products and processes of the invention and those of the prior art and to assure the definiteness of the claims to a person skilled in the art.

It will be recalled that the invention provides a new cookie product and processes for making and using it, which provide an entertaining eating experience. As stated in the application, in paragraphs 0006 to 0008, the invention provides a sandwich cookie having